

fessor of dermatology in his Alma Mater, and at the present time also president of the California State Board of Health. Doctor Morrow has long been a prominent figure among physicians, well known for both his professional and executive capacity, and his elevation to the California Medical Association's presidency assures a continuation of the splendid progress which has been so much in evidence in the Association during recent years. Doctor Morrow has the distinction of being elected to the office of president-elect, without having previously held office in the State Association.

Dr. W. W. Roblee of Riverside, who this year took over the duties of former Speaker Palette, received much praise for the manner in which the business of the House of Delegates was conducted. Vice-Speaker John H. Graves of San Francisco was also reelected.

The terms of the councilors from the second, fifth and eighth districts having expired, the three incumbents, Carl R. Howson of Los Angeles, Alfred L. Phillips of Santa Cruz, and C. E. Schoff, were reelected. Councilors-at-Large C. O. Tanner of San Diego and T. Henshaw Kelly were also reelected.

Members who were elected delegates to the American Medical Association were: Charles A. Dukes of Oakland, Edward M. Palette of Los Angeles, Robert A. Peers of Colfax, and William R. Molony of Los Angeles, their respective alternates being Edward N. Ewer of Oakland, William H. Kiger of Los Angeles, F. F. Gundrum of Sacramento, and John C. Ruddock of Los Angeles.

We do not have at hand the list of appointments of the Standing and Special Committees, but these will be printed in the July issue, with minutes and other proceedings.

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**California Medical Association Meets at Hotel Del Monte in 1937.**—Hotel Del Monte, in Monterey County, which for years the California Medical Association has recurrently designated as an annual session meeting place, was chosen for next year's meetings, the date of the session, probably some time in April or May, to be set later by the Council.

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**Newspaper Comments on the Coronado Annual Session: Excerpts in This Issue.**—Pending the appearance of the official minutes in the July issue, this number prints in its Special Articles department (on page 537), excerpts from items in the San Diego newspapers, a perusal of which will give members who are interested an insight into some of the happenings at San Diego.

#### **RETIRING PRESIDENT ROBERT A. PEERS: THE THANKS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR HIS SERVICES**

In recent years the California Medical Association has been fortunate in having, as titular heads of the organization, presidents to whom no service

for the advancement of scientific and organized medicine was too arduous, and to each of these colleagues, on the completion of their respective terms of office, the thanks of the Association have been tendered. This seems particularly appropriate for this year's retiring president. If, during the last year it has been possible for the members of the California Medical Association to become better acquainted with the special and very important problems which nowadays confront the medical profession, and to become more unified on procedures to be inaugurated, that much-to-be-desired end was attained partly by the presidential visitation conferences which, particularly during the last twelve months, became of far-reaching influence. During this period, President Robert A. Peers visited practically every one of the component county societies in this great State of California, imposing upon himself a task by no means light, when one considers the extent of the geographical domain included in a coastline of 800 miles and a back country of valleys, plains and mountains, some 200 miles in width.

The messages which were carried to the component county societies by Doctor Peers and his official associates had everywhere, it is evident, a heartening effect. The record made, indeed, is one that sets a hard pace for successors in office. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the members appreciate what it means to such busy colleagues who are honored with the presidential office, when they voluntarily leave their professional work, month after month, to hold these visitation conferences in which problems of scientific and organized medicine, as represented particularly by the California Medical Association and its activities, are directly called to the attention of members of the component county medical societies. It is a great satisfaction to be elevated to the presidency of one's State Medical Association, but it must also be acknowledged that the job, in present days at least, is associated with much hard work and self-sacrifice.

The California Medical Association is today a stronger constituent state unit because of the work of Doctor Robert A. Peers of Colfax. In expressing to him, then, its appreciation and good wishes, the members of the California Medical Association turn to welcome his successor, Doctor Edward M. Palette of Los Angeles, in full knowledge that he also will carry on in earnest and able fashion, from where his good friends and colleagues laid down their responsibilities of office.

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Members of the Association will be grieved to learn that a serious and fatal illness of President Peers' mother made it necessary for him to leave the Coronado meeting on Wednesday noon, May 27. The sympathy of the Association is tendered to Doctor and Mrs. Peers in this heavy sorrow.